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## GHS Artist Claudette Wesse Wins Congressional Art Competition

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo Credit: Barbara Gagnon, GHS Administrative Assistant

A proud moment shared by Claudette, the artist, celebrating with her art teachers and school leadership.

On Tuesday, March 10, Representative Chellie Pingree called Gorham High School personally to announce that GHS senior Claudette Wesse has been named the first place winner of the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for Maine's 1st District. Claudette's winning piece, "Blissful Innocence," is heading to Washington, D.C., and will hang in the U.S. Capitol Cannon

Tunnel for the next 11 months. In an email, Claudette described her inspiration for her artwork: "This painting is inspired by and dedicated to my younger brother, Henschel Wesse. It is titled 'Blissful Innocence' because it depicts both of us when we were younger, in a state of perpetual happiness due to our childhood innocence and unawareness of life's complexities. This piece

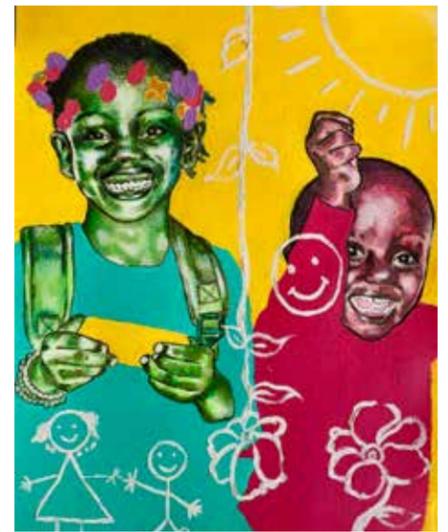
is meant to imitate a child's thought process and mentality through vibrant, unusual color schemes and elements of a child's drawing, such as the smiley face, sun in the corner, and stick figures."

Claudette explained, "The flowers represent how we grow in age and our understanding that the present moment is precious. This painting evokes nostalgia along with its self-destructive quality, as it often becomes a crippling force that prevents us from appreciating the gift of the present. The past cannot be replicated nor changed, but we can reflect on it, learn from mistakes, and grow from memories and experiences. We move forward, we grow, and that's the natural way of life. We should enjoy every moment of it and not take it for granted."

Claudette's art teachers have been a great influence on her artwork and her life. "Ms. Cousins and Ms. West, my art teachers in Gorham Middle School, created a safe space for me, especially since I was new to the Gorham community and was incredibly introverted. The majority of my time in middle school was spent in their art rooms, during actual

class, my lunch time, and WIN period, any chance I had to be in their room, I'd take it. They really helped me become more confident in myself and my abilities in art. At GHS, Mr. Crosby and Ms. Dolley have been great sources of encouragement in my art, whether it be

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(GHS Artwork): Claudette Wesse's Congressional Art Competition-winning piece, "Blissful Innocence."

## USM Department of Theatre to Perform "Cabaret"

Janice Gardner, University of Southern Maine



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Benet Moholland (Emcee) with Kit Kat Club dancers

The USM Department of Theatre concludes its 2025-26 season with a decadent and haunting production of "Cabaret" and a fundraising celebration, "The USM Theatre Gala: Willkommen to the Cabaret!"

Produced in collaboration with the Osher School of Music, "Cabaret" runs April 2-12 at Russell Hall on the USM Gorham Campus. "The USM Theatre Gala: Willkommen to the Cabaret" fundraiser includes

the April 11 performance of "Cabaret."

In a Berlin nightclub, as the 1920s draw to a close, a garish Master of Ceremonies welcomes the audience and encourages them to forget all their troubles at the Cabaret. With the Emcee's bawdy songs as wry commentary, "Cabaret" explores the dark, heady and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich.

Daring, provocative and exuberantly entertaining, USM's production of Kander & Ebb's iconic musical features a cast of 26 USM theatre and musical theatre majors. With direction from Danny Hutchins, musical direction from Edward Reichert, and choreography from Vanessa Beyland, all USM faculty, this production offers an optional immersive audience experience with seating on stage in the middle of the cabaret.

Director Danny Hutchins says, "Our goal is to make the audience feel as immersed in the Kit Kat Club as possible. 'Cabaret' is a piece that is designed to be experienced, not just watched, and this design puts the audience in the center of the action."

Karoline Brechter, a graduating musical theatre major who plays the role of Sally Bowles, is thrilled for audiences to experience this production. "Not only are there iconic dance numbers and music, but also incredibly intricate design and direction. It's an amazing show."

The production offers the perfect backdrop to celebrate the work of the USM Department of Theatre with "The USM Theatre Gala: Willkommen to the Cabaret." Centered around the April 11 performance of "Cabaret," this fantastic event features food, a cash bar, a silent auction with great items from local businesses, and

special student performances before the show. Tickets are \$50 for general admission and \$75 for immersive seating in the Cabaret. All proceeds support student scholarships, student professional development stipends, theatre production needs and performance accessibility upgrades.

Content Advisory: "Cabaret" explores themes of antisemitism, Nazism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, abortion and sexual content. This production includes depictions of domestic violence, physical violence, and Nazi and Holocaust imagery.

### Cabaret

Russell Hall, USM Gorham Campus

Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m. - Pay-What-You-Can

Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 11, 7 p.m. - USM Theatre

Gala: Willkommen to the Cabaret

Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m.

For tickets or more info, go to <https://usm.maine.edu/departement-theatre/>

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# Tax Filing Resources for Mainers

By Rep. Parnell Terry

While it might not always feel like it outside, spring is officially here – and that means that the tax filing deadline of April 15 is just right around the corner. While I don't think anyone enjoys doing taxes, I want to highlight a measure that the Legislature has passed recently to put money back into the pockets of working Mainers, along with some existing tax credits and filing resources that could hopefully make this year a bit less painful.

Last year, one of the biggest changes the Legislature made was doubling Maine's Child Tax Credit to \$610 per child for children under six, for families earning under \$150,000 per year. This will return more money directly back to Gorham families with young kids to help pay for things like groceries, bills and other essentials, which are all getting more expensive. To claim the credit, complete the 2025 Dependent Exemption Tax Credit Worksheet along with your state tax return.

Whether you owe Maine income tax or not – like older folks living on Social Security income – I encourage you to fill out a Form 1040ME to see if you are eligible for additional tax relief, like the Property Tax Fairness Credit and the Sales Tax Fairness Credit. If the credit exceeds the amount of individual income tax due for this tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded to you. I was proud to support funding for these credits in the two-year budget the Legislature passed in 2025.

Another program that helps offer prop-

erty tax relief is the Homestead Exemption, which requires its own application and has a deadline of April 1. The Homestead Exemption provides a reduction of up to \$25,000 in the value of your home for property tax purposes. In order to qualify, you must be a permanent resident of Maine, the home must be your permanent residence, and you must have owned a home in Maine for the 12 months prior to applying. To submit an application or have your questions answered, I encourage you to stop by the Gorham Town Office.

As you prepare to file your taxes this year, I hope you keep an eye out for these programs and many others that are available that can help make a significant difference for your family. For more information, visit [www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs](http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs).

There are also local, free tax preparation resources available to help you file your taxes, access these tax credits and put money back in your pocket. I encourage you to make an appointment as soon as possible, as availability may be limited.

CASH Maine is a collaboration of organizations across the state that provides tax preparation for those who meet the income requirements. Closest to Gorham is CASH Greater Portland at 550 Forest Avenue, Suite 100 in Portland. Make an appointment at [www.uwsme.org/tax-appointment](http://www.uwsme.org/tax-appointment) or by calling (207) 347-2335. For online options, you can also visit [www.getyourrefund.org/en](http://www.getyourrefund.org/en) to get

virtual CASH Maine assistance e-filing your taxes or utilize <https://myfreetaxes.com/> to file your own taxes online.

Additionally, AARP provides free tax filing assistance to income-eligible Mainers through their AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. The service is open to taxpayers of all ages, and AARP membership is not required. To make an appointment at Tax-Aide's Gorham location at St. Anne's Church on 299 Main Street, call (207) 518-8579. AARP also has online resources for self- and assisted online filing at [www.taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/online-self-and-assisted-prep](http://www.taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/online-self-and-assisted-prep).

The Internal Revenue Service tax assistance office also provides free tax filing support at 440 Western Avenue in South Portland. To schedule an appointment, please call (844) 545-5640.

If you have any questions or concerns about available state programs and tax credits, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Parnell.Terry@legislature.maine.gov). It is an honor to serve as your state representative.



Rep. Terry is serving his first term in the Maine House and represents part of Gorham. Terry is a member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee and the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

## Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor,

The debate over Amazon in Gorham has too often been dismissed as a NIMBY fight. Fine - call it that if you want. But I would argue this is something else: BIMBY. Better in my backyard.

Residents near the proposed site, especially on Shamrock Drive and in surrounding neighborhoods, are not saying "build nothing." We are saying Gorham can do far better than a massive warehouse project that brings traffic, noise, pollution, environmental concerns, and ongoing questions about compliance.

This land represents one of the town's biggest missed opportunities in years.

Rather than locking it into industrial use and steering it toward a project that will burden nearby families, Gorham should be asking what this parcel could

become if rezoned for mixed-use or housing-centered development. That kind of vision could generate stronger long-term tax revenue, attract private investment, support local businesses, and create growth that adds value to the community instead of diminishing it.

That should concern every taxpayer, not just the neighbors closest to the site. This is not simply about whether Amazon is a good fit. It is about whether town leadership is thinking boldly enough about what this land is worth and what Gorham stands to gain - or lose.

Gorham still has time to choose the better path. The question is whether local leaders are willing to rethink a bad deal before it becomes a permanent one.

Chelsea Brandly  
Gorham, ME

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helping me think outside the box, brainstorming, or doing fun projects. They have helped me with lending me materials to take home and work on pieces, and providing more art opportunities."

GHS art teacher Sarah Dolley described the process for this competition. "For students to qualify for a Congressional recognition they needed to first submit artwork to the Scholastic Arts Competition and place. Claudette received a Silver Key for her submission of 'Blissful Innocence.' Local judges then ranked all of the artwork that placed in Scholastic in Maine and Claudette won first place for our region."

Claudette also has artwork on display at the Maine College of Art & Design, and another piece at the Portland Museum of Art for Youth Art Month. Both pieces are currently on view just doors down from each other on Congress Street in Portland. In addition, Claudette is the editor of the 2026 GHS yearbook.

## Maine Maple Weekend at Parsons Farm



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# Bottle Recycling Funds

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

Maine can be proud of the fact that it has one of the highest bottle recycling rates in the country.

But even so, a portion of its bottles are not returned for refund. Under current law, if Mainers do not return their bottles to reclaim their deposits, the unclaimed deposits, estimated at \$10 to \$16 million yearly, are returned to the manufacturers.

State Representative Stacy Brenner believes she has a better plan for that money. She is proposing that a larger portion of unclaimed bottle deposit refunds should be kept here in Maine to help protect our farmland and clean up our lakes and rivers.

Under Brenner's proposed legislation, LD2141, Maine would lay claim to \$4 million of the unclaimed bottle deposit refunds and split it equally — \$2 million for the Working Farmland Access Protection Program (WFAPP) and \$2 million for the Lake Water

Quality Restoration Fund (Lake Water) to be used for farmland protection and lake restoration, which would fund these two important initiatives without raising new taxes. Approximately 8 to 10 other states are already using their unclaimed funds and it works.

Maine's lakes and rivers are a critical and valuable part of our state's resources. According to Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the water quality in Maine's lakes and rivers is under attack from chemical runoffs and warming temperature. The resulting algae blooms are choking lakes and stressing the health of native fish, birds and other animals that rely on these ecosystems. Losses in federal dollars for environmental programs also negatively impacts our ability to protect our water quality.

Maine farmland, another important resource, is under pressure and is diminishing at a dramatic pace. According to the Farmland Protection Program, more than 82,000 acres of agricultural land has fallen out of production or is struggling to combat forever chemical pollution.

Sen. Brenner said, "Healthy farmland soils and lake ecosystems are public goods we simply cannot afford to lose. If we don't invest in their protection now, we will lose them." She added, "As I see it, unclaimed bottle deposits are a natural and indeed necessary place to turn. They belong to Mainers and yet they continue to flow to corporate pockets. Deposit refunds would come home to the Mainers who paid them — if not directly, then by protecting the natural resources on which all our communities' health, economic vitality and cultural heritage hinge."

LD2141 is moving through the legislative process and will be voted on by the full Senate and House. Opponents include representatives of the beverage industry.

Sen. Brenner is serving her third term in the Maine Senate, representing Gorham and most of Scarborough. She sits on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

National Bottle Resource Guide  
Source: <https://bottlebill.org>

In California and Hawaii, 100 percent of unclaimed deposit monies are used by state agencies to manage the system, educate the public, and promote markets for recycled material.

Oregon's bottle bill system operates the state Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), which retains 100 percent of unredeemed deposits to fund bottle collection. The OBRC reports that they also receive \$9 million per year in funding from the beverage distributors and grocery retailers.

In 2008, New York received 80 percent of unclaimed deposits. In 2013, New York passed a law that requires \$23 million in unclaimed deposits to go to state environmental protection.

Deposit laws in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Maine, Michigan and Vermont require distributors and bottlers to turn over all or a portion of unclaimed deposits to the state. The percentage varies from state to state.

# Where Are They Now? Making Movies

Chris Crawford, Features Editor



Photo Credit: Little Images Productions

Kate Fasulo, producer for the "Man vs. Baby" Netflix comedy series and owner of the Little Images film production company, based in London.

Kate Fasulo, GHS grad '00, has logged over 20 years in the film industry since her graduation from Emerson College. The list of her credits is lengthy and impressive. In her previous role at Working Title Films she was involved in the production of films such as "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy," "Anna Karenina," "Les Miserables" and "About Time."

More recently, Fasulo co-produced "Man vs. Bee," a nine-episode Netflix series co-written by and starring British actor/comedian Rowan Atkinson (aka Mr. Bean). She then produced the four-episode sequel "Man vs. Baby," which aired in December 2025. Working with live babies presented some unusual and unique challenges as the hours they can work are very limited.

Kate had been working for Working Title in LA for several years when they asked if she would like to transfer to their London office. She jumped at the chance and found that she appreciated the atmosphere of London, which felt more varied than the "All Hollywood all the Time" vibe in LA. She loves the city and its vibrant film and television industry and has been there ever since.

Fasulo launched an independent production company called Little Images Productions, based in London, several years ago and will most likely remain based there, but she still loves Maine. In fact, her company is named after a rocky outcropping in Sebago Lake, called Little Images, a smaller (and safer) version of the infamous Frye's Leap jumping rock.

According to Fasulo, producers wear many hats. They oversee all aspects of making a film or TV show, from developing script ideas to securing financing; through pre-production, casting and filming; to post-production/editing, marketing and release.

Fasulo produces her own projects and also works for hire on other production companies' projects. Producers are responsible for creating the plan for how a project will be filmed — including where, when, for how long and for how much money. They also bring together the key crew to help make that happen.

Fasulo is typically on set during filming making sure things are running on time and on budget. She likens being a producer to being the ringleader of a circus: "I thrive on the variety and intensity. No project is ever the same. It takes hundreds of people to bring each project to life and I enjoy getting to meet and work with so many different talented people," she added.

In the middle of a film, Fasulo's schedule is crazy, with long and often late hours, a difficult mix with her two young children, Ezra, age 6, and Halle, age 3. This is where she and her husband, Ed Simmons, become creative.

Ed is a writer and story producer who also works in films and television, but he has somewhat more flexibility in his weekly work schedule. He also understands the demands of the industry. Fasulo's work breaks occur when a show is done and before a new project has begun. "Those quieter times are lovely for us all," she added.

In their spare time they like to travel, play cards, spend time with friends and family, build Lego with their kids and spend time in Maine when possible.



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A scene from the "Man vs. Baby" Netflix comedy series.



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# Anchored in Health: Tired of Being Tired?

Taryn Payne, Contributing Writer

Your bedroom might be the reason you are missing out on a good night's sleep. You've finished the busy work day, running the kids to their activities, making dinner, helping with homework (yours and your kids'), cleaning the house, and otherwise solving the world's problems — now it is time for bed. Inevitably, you climb into bed with phone or iPad in hand and doomscroll or Netflix until you pass out from exhaustion, only to wake up the next morning feeling like you've run a marathon, and now have to repeat the cycle. Sound familiar?

If this sounds like you, you are not alone. More and more Americans are getting less quality sleep, and less overall time sleeping. Research has linked lack of quality sleep to poor work performance, unhealthy ranges for health markers, and increased risk for depression, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Thankfully, we don't need a high-tech tracker, expensive supplements, or a miracle to get better-quality sleep. In fact, sleep tracker tools have been shown to cause increased anxiety around sleep, ultimately leading to less sleep. A potential solution? Engage "Cave Mode."

Turning your bedroom into your own personal "cave" is a science-backed approach to significantly improving sleep quality and mental rest. Think of bears when they go into hibernation for the winter. Mimicking the natural, undisturbed environment of a cave helps lower your core body temperature, reduces external stimuli, and increases melatonin production.

Three actionable steps will help you achieve "cave mode."

**Light Is the Enemy.** Use blackout curtains or a simple sleep mask to help block out the light. Light signals your brain to stay alert, hindering the release of melatonin, which is the hormone

necessary for falling and staying asleep. Even a tiny amount of light in the bedroom can disrupt REM (rapid eye movement) sleep, which is the deep, nourishing sleep that we need for our health.

**The 65 Degree Rule.** Turn the thermostat down or swap heavier blankets for lighter, breathable ones. Just like in a cave, lower temperatures promote lower core body temperature and promote optimal sleep.

**The No-Tech Zone.** Move your phone charger to the kitchen, store away your iPad, and get yourself a low-light digital or analog alarm clock. Tons of research says that "blue light" from tech devices is harmful for our sleep patterns. Technology also keeps our brains in "active mode." Trying to solve complex problems or engaging in social media prior to rest time can severely disrupt sleep patterns.

Achieving "cave mode" can also do wonders for our brain and its association to sleep. We are teaching our brains that the bedroom is solely for sleep, and not for entertainment, eating, or activities. Creating your "cave mode" doesn't require a bedroom renovation, it requires subtraction — removing noise, light, and technology. You aren't just decorating a room, you are reclaiming your health. After all, a well-rested community is a happier, kinder, and more vibrant one.



Taryn Payne is a doctor of physical therapy for over 12 years, most currently working in home health care. She is also a mom, a lymphedema specialist, and fitness lover.



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# Just Five Minutes

Chris Crawford, Features Editor

According to reputable health sources, thinking of exercise in short, five-minutes-or-less increments can be a beneficial way to sneak mini-exercise breaks into your daily routine. Because let's face it, finding a 60-minute chunk of time to dedicate to exercise in a daily routine can be daunting to downright impossible at times.

Many experts agree that even a short period of unplanned movement can have a positive impact on your health. Exercise can help reduce blood pressure and blood sugar. Exercise also elevates your mood by releasing endorphins, which can improve your spirits and reduce stress and anxiety. Since exercise increases blood flow and oxygen flow to your brain and other organs, it can improve cognitive function as well.

On a long call at work? Get up and do a few stretches or march in place. In line at the grocery checkout? Use the weight of your basket to do a few arm lifts, or hold

the handle of the grocery cart and rise up and down on your toes. Or do some twists. You might raise some eyebrows, but you might also inspire someone else to realize there are tons of little periods of time in our day where we can fit in a mini exercise break. Even while watching TV, you can do a few core clenches or leg lifts.

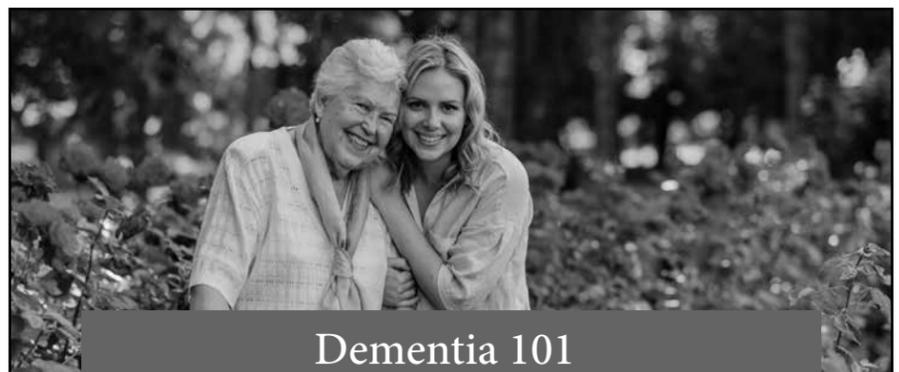
Spontaneity is the best part of these mini workouts. Get creative — many of our daily activities are full of little pockets of time where you can sneak in a mini exercise break. Waiting for the water to boil is a great time to hold on to the counter and do some rapid toe rises or deep knee bends — but not too close to the stove. These mini exercise breaks are easier to fit into a busy schedule than an hourlong workout and can count toward the recommended 150 minutes of weekly moderate exercise (or 75 minutes if it's vigorous). They can help reduce stress and improve your overall fitness and mental health throughout the day.

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# School Committee Meeting, March 11

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

The Gorham School Committee met for their monthly meeting on March 11, 2026. Chairperson Nicole Yeo-Fisher called the meeting to order and all seven members were present. The committee approved the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 11, the special meeting of Feb. 25 and the workshop meeting of March 2. (7-0)

Erin Eppler, principal of Narragansett School, introduced music teacher Lila Weiser and the members of the Fifth Grade Narragansett Band, who performed two numbers, to the delight of the School Committee and audience. This was the band's first performance. Students participate in band rehearsals as part of the creative arts schedule during the school day and an after-school rehearsal once a week.

Special Education Director Kathy Hamblen and Assistant Director Nicole Poole provided an overview of special services being offered in the school system. The department is responsible for providing students with specific services under special education law and accommodations through Section 504 (a federal workplace law that applies to students), as well as monitoring the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). They described the referral and qualification process for students and possible law changes that might affect service procedures. They are also currently preparing to provide services to 3-to-5-year-olds in Gorham.

Superintendent of Schools Heather Perry continued her monthly review

of sections of the State of the Schools Report, which is available on the school website. This month she focused on the metrics for success and the key indicators for high school graduates.

Each school committee member had an opportunity to report on recent events. Committee member Eric Thistle mentioned that sign-ups for the summer recreation program are now available, members had been attending Partners In Education (PIE) meetings at each school, and the budget workshops were being held each Monday night. Committee member Mia DeSanctis highlighted the Job Fair at Great Falls School. Committee member Michelle Littlefield thanked GMS Principal Lucas Witham and his staff for the Resource Hub, which provides insights into adolescents. Member Jeffery Ballard reviewed the work of the Village School Principal search committee and the near completion of this process. Chairperson Nicole Yeo-Fisher and committee member Lowansa Tompkins thanked the Narragansett musicians for their performance earlier in the meeting.

Each sub-committee reported on its most recent work and their meeting schedule.

The committee held a first reading of the following policies: Child Find (IHBAC) and Referral and Use of General Education Interventions (IHBAA).

The committee voted (7-0) to go into Executive Session to discuss the duties of officials/appointees/employees pursuant to M.R.S.A. subsection 405(6)(A).

# Ordinance Committee Meeting, March 9

Sally Fay, Staff Writer

Two items of business were addressed at the March 9 meeting of the Ordinance Committee, at which all members were present.

The committee took up the matter of amending the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance to allow for one- and two-family unit exemptions based on minimum lot size and distance from fire suppression water sources. A motion was passed to send the proposed In-Lieu Fee Program with an amended fee structure to the Town Council for review (3 Ayes).

The Ordinance Committee also discussed the issue of rent stabilization and recommendation of an ordinance

enacting the same to the full Council. The committee asked town staff to come back with a revised draft and with more data to support discussion on the item.

Full meeting minutes can be accessed at <https://www.gorham-maine.gov/ordinance-committee>.

At the next Ordinance Committee meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026 at 3:30 p.m., the committee will discuss the ban of sale of flavored tobacco and vaping products in the Town of Gorham, as well as review vehicle idling standards, buffering requirements for industrial businesses, and updated sidewalks.



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SCHOOL

# Village School Fifth Graders Get Moving with WinterKids

Marnie Grumbach, Gorham Parent and Member of the WinterKids Board of Directors



Photo provided by Marnie Grumbach

Village students participate in WinterKids activities.

Students at Village Elementary School recently embraced Maine’s winter by participating in the 2026 WinterKids Winter Games Play-Along program, an outdoor learning initiative that encourages children to stay active during the state’s coldest months. WinterKids is dedicated to inspiring and increasing outdoor physical activity for children and families in Maine, turning the state’s longest season into a time of adventure, health and connection.

Village Elementary’s fifth grade students participated in the statewide program, which ran from Jan. 13 through Feb. 6 and brought together more than 10,867 students, teachers and families across Maine. This year’s theme, “HEART,” focused on caring for physical and emotional health while building strong connections with classmates, family and community.

Through the program’s weekly challenges, students explored topics such

as physical activity, nutrition, family involvement and winter celebration, all while spending time learning outdoors.

According to Mrs. Brenna Pagliaro, fifth grade classroom teacher, “WinterKids was an amazing experience for the fifth grade at Village Elementary. The entire class had the opportunity to go outside and participate in fun, active challenges that strengthened both our hearts and our friendships. Students learned how important it is to stay active and enjoy the outdoors, especially here in Maine, where every season offers something special. WinterKids reminded us that getting outside isn’t just fun, it’s essential for our health, teamwork, and overall well-being all year long.”

While some schools participate in a competitive track with the opportunity to earn prizes, Village Elementary took part in the Play-

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# Lucas Lane Selected as a Finalist for National History Day

Brian Jandreau, GHS Principal



Provided by Gorham High School

Lucas Lane has been selected as a finalist at the National History Day Southern Regional Contest on the weekend of March 6-8 at the University of Southern Maine. His paper, “Fed Up: The Reform that Created the Federal Reserve and Revolutionized the American Financial System,” stood out in the Senior Paper category.

Lucas will participate in the state contest at the University of Maine on May 2. Gorham High School is so proud of the hard work and research that Lucas has done. Best of luck at states!

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# Gabe Michaud and UMF Make NCAA Division III Tournament

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo Credit: UMF Athletics

UMF's Gabe Michaud pushing the ball up the floor

Gabe Michaud of Gorham is now a sophomore at the University of Maine at Farmington. Michaud was one of the driving force playmakers for the Rams Basketball team in the hunt for the state title in 2024 (the program's first trip back since 2005). Michaud is now a proud member of the UMF Basketball squad, which capped off a stellar season by earning a bid to the National Championship. The UMF Beavers won the NAC championship, knocking off the University of Maine at Presque Isle by a landslide score.

Michaud is ranked eighth in the nation in assists and third in assist/turnover ratio and was named to one of the All-Conference teams in the NAC. On Feb. 9, UMF faced Montclair State University, which was ranked No. 1 in the nation (they had lost one game and dropped a bit but UMF faced them in round one). The UMF team came out on fire for that game. Montclair full court pressed UMF the entire game. Michaud was exactly on point; nearly flawless (zero 10-second violations, close to no turnovers).

Michaud, UMF's playmaker, took over as the controller and was the glue, with many assists. He got the layups and was seeing the openings in that game. Fans of the team would describe this team as a charismatic, young, fun, and talented group made up of mostly sophomores that have a very bright future. Gabe's coach, first-year head coach for the Beavers Quinn Newton (joining UMF from Bates College), had a lot of praise for Michaud and his teammates. Coach Newton shared, "Gabe is a player who probably doesn't always get the recognition he deserves, but within our program we know how valuable he is. He was a key piece to our success all season."

"Night after night he showed he could be one of the best guards on the floor, regardless of the opponent. As a coach, there's a lot of comfort going into a game knowing you have a competitor like Gabe leading your group." He continued, "What stands out the most is his competitive spirit. Gabe is the type of player who will do whatever it takes to help the team win - whether that's making plays, defending, or bringing energy when we need it most. During the tournament he faced some of the best guards in the country, and he never backed down for a second. For a sophomore to play with that level of confidence and toughness on that stage says a lot about who he is as a player and a competitor."

According to Coach Newton, his team, from the summer through the preseason and into the year, set big goals and committed themselves to chasing them every single day. They worked for eight or nine months with a shared purpose, and they stayed grounded and connected even as the success started to build. When outside attention and expectations grew, our guys did a great job keeping the focus on each other and on the process. That level of trust is what made this group special. This group set a program record for single-season wins, won the program's first conference championship since 2010 (under longtime beloved coach Dick Meader) and earned an NCAA Tournament first-round victory. Coach Newton concluded, "What made this team unique was that every single player in our locker room had a role in our success. Our guys embraced a mindset we talk about often: 'sometimes you, sometimes me, always us.' They truly lived that out throughout the year."



Photo Credit: Daren Meader

UMF athletic director's son wears Gabe's jersey every game



Photo Credit: Daren Meader

Gabe Michaud and his family after the NAC championship



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# Easter Services 2026

## CENTERPOINT CHURCH

53 County Road, Gorham  
Pastor Ben Thornton  
(207) 370-8182  
<https://centerpointme.com/>  
Mar. 28, 10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt - Narragansett School  
Apr. 5, 10 a.m., Easter Service

## CRESSEY ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

81 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Pastor Joseph Saunders, (207) 839-3111  
[crdcc.office@gmail.com](mailto:crdcc.office@gmail.com)  
<https://cresseyrdcc.org/>  
<https://facebook.com/CRDCCGorham/>  
Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.  
Apr. 3 - Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.  
Apr. 5 - Easter Sunrise Service around the fire pit,  
6:15 a.m. followed by Breakfast Refreshments  
Apr. 5 - Easter Worship Service, 9:45 a.m.  
All services in person and live streamed

## FIRST RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

211 Mosher Road, Gorham  
Pastor Igor Kushnar, (207) 210-8636  
[frbcmaine@gmail.com](mailto:frbcmaine@gmail.com)  
Apr. 5, 8 and 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Services

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<https://www.firstparishgorham.org>  
<https://www.youtube.com/@firstparishgorhamucc>  
<https://www.facebook.com/First.Parish.Gorham>  
Mar 29, 10 a.m. - Palm Sunday  
(worship in-person, on Zoom, and livestreaming)  
Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday  
6 p.m., Potluck  
7 p.m., Holy Week Story Service  
(worship in-person, on Zoom, and livestreaming)  
Apr 3 - Good Friday  
7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sanctuary open  
Apr 5, 10 a.m., Easter Sunday  
(worship in-person, on Zoom, and livestreaming)

## FORT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spire 29 - 29 School Street, Gorham  
Pastor Aaron Manning (207) 592-4987  
<https://forthillchurch.com/>  
Mar. 29 10 a.m., Palm Sunday Service  
Apr 3, 6 p.m., Good Friday Meditation  
Apr 5, 9 - 11 a.m.

## GALILEE CHURCH

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Pastor Kevin Lambertson (207) 839-6985  
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Apr. 3, 6 p.m., Good Friday Communion in the Round  
Apr. 5, 10:30 a.m., Easter Resurrection Celebration

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Apr. 5, 10 a.m., Easter Sunday

## LIFECHURCH

8 Elkins Road, Gorham  
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Apr 3, 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr 5, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Services  
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## LITTLE FALLS BIBLE CHURCH

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Pastor Tony Vafiades, (207) 423-6730  
<https://littlefallsbc.org/>  
Apr 3, 6 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr 5, 10 a.m., Resurrection Sunday Worship Service

## LIVING STONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Apr 20, 9:30 a.m., Easter Service

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[Facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch](https://facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch)  
Apr. 18, 7 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr. 20, 9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Service

## LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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April 4, 10 a.m. Easter egg hunt  
April 5, 6 a.m. Sunrise service  
April 5, 10:00 Resurrection Sunday service

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Services will be live-streamed at  
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Mar. 29, 10:15 a.m., Palm Sunday Service  
Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service  
Apr. 3, 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr. 5, 6:30 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service  
at 1725 Main Street, Sanford (Airport Plaza)  
Apr. 5, 10:15 a.m., Easter Morning Service, in Gorham

## ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Susan Murphy, long-term interim priest  
Contact: Office (207) 892-8447, Windham  
Mar. 29, 9 a.m. Palm Sunday services  
Apr. 2, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday service  
Apr. 3, Good Friday  
Noon, Church open for prayer and contemplation  
3 p.m., Stations of the Cross  
6 p.m., Veneration of the Cross service  
Apr. 5, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., 2 Easter services  
11 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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4 p.m., St. Hyacinth, Westbrook, and  
6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham  
Apr 3, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
Noon, St. Hyacinth, Westbrook and  
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Windham  
Apr 4, Easter Vigil, Holy Night of Easter  
8 p.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook  
Apr 5, Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord,  
8 and 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
8 and 11 a.m. St. Anne, Gorham  
9:30 a.m. St. Hyacinth, Westbrook

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Mar 29, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Palm Sunday Services  
Apr 3, 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr 5, 6 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service (Location TBD)  
Apr 5, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Services

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Mar. 29, 10 a.m., Palm Sunday Service  
Apr. 2, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service  
Apr. 5, 10 a.m., Easter Sunday Service

## WEST GORHAM UNION CHURCH

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham  
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Apr. 3 at 6 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr. 5, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Hoyt's Hill on  
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Apr. 5, 9:30 a.m. Easter Service

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Mar. 29, 10:45 a.m., Palm Sunday Worship  
Apr. 2, 6 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service  
with Holy Communion  
Apr. 3, 6 p.m., Good Friday Service  
Apr. 5, 7 a.m., Easter Sunday Sunrise Service  
8 a.m., Easter Breakfast,  
9:30 a.m., Sunday School  
10:45 a.m., Easter Morning Worship



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## BUSINESS

# CJ Glenn Promoted to Chief Operating Officer at Gorham's CFCU

Marnie Grumbach, Gorham Parent and Member of the WinterKids Board of Directors



Photo provided by Casco Federal Credit Union

CJ Glenn

Recently, Casco Federal Credit Union promoted CJ Glenn to the chief operating officer position. Glenn has been with Gorham's Casco FCU since 2014. Since then, he has worked his way up in the credit union and has become a standout leader.

Glenn's career started 16 years ago as a

bank teller. He discovered his passion for finance, which set him up for a lifetime of success. Over the years he transitioned into upper-level positions and developed many useful skills for the profession.

Passionate about his job, Glenn has natural leadership skills that allow him to advance at Casco FCU and work in leadership positions. Most recently before his promotion, he worked as the vice president of operations.

This February Glenn was given the opportunity to take over the chief operating officer position at the credit union. Many of his coworkers applaud him for his teamwork and viability. He said, "I am honored to be given this opportunity on our executive team, and I look forward to continuing the growth of our credit union as technology advances and financial services adapt to best service our members."

His ambition and commitment is what makes him an honorable employee. But he is more than an employee; he has

## WinterKids CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Along version, which allows teachers and families to engage in the program's outdoor activities without competition.

Gorham was also represented at another WinterKids event this winter. Local student Jem Grumbach participated in the WinterKids Downhill 24, a 24-hour ski and snowboard challenge held Feb. 26-27 at Sugarloaf. Grumbach raised more than \$800 in donations and joined the Central Maine Power "Power On" team on the slopes as part of the annual fundraiser supporting WinterKids' mission to help Maine children stay active outdoors in winter.

"D24 was awesome! I liked being able to see how many runs our team had done and trying to help the number go up," said Grumbach, a fifth grader at Village Elementary School. "Sugarloaf is a really big mountain with great trails, so it was awesome getting to ski there for the first time with my team." Teams ski and ride day and night dur-

shown his colleagues that he is a hard-working role model for those around him. He says, "The primary motivation in my career has been the ability to demonstrate to my two daughters that with hard work, you can do anything and make a positive impact for others."

Glenn noted, "One exciting thing about working at Casco though, is our credit union's involvement within the Gorham community. We are continuously volunteering for events around town, which brings a warm community feeling."

ing the event while raising funds for programs that help children across the state move, learn and explore through joyful winter play. This year's Downhill 24 raised more than \$600,000.

Together, the Winter Games and Downhill 24 highlight the strong community spirit behind WinterKids' efforts to help Maine children discover the fun and lifelong benefits of staying active outdoors. The nonprofit offers a variety of initiatives that encourage Maine children to move, learn and explore outside in every season. Families can also take advantage of the WinterKids Passport, a popular program that provides Maine kids with free and discounted access to ski areas, outdoor recreation opportunities and winter activities across the state. Learn more at [winterkids.org](http://winterkids.org).

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Amelia Olaru, Pace University, New York, New York

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The Cumberland County Retired Teachers Association is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to any Cumberland County resident majoring in education. FMI: <https://www.CCREAMaine.org>, Jean Phillips, (207) 329-5652.

Area Land Trusts present World Trails Film Festival on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Hannaford Hall – University of Southern Maine in Portland. Presumpscot Regional Land Trust along with nine other Portland-area land trusts and trail organizations will host a screening of the World Trails Film Festival. This family-friendly event will present outdoor and trail-related short films from 34 countries from around the world. Meet trail builders, explore new trails, and see why trails matter. 6:30 p.m. – doors open; 7 p.m. – panel discussion on regional trail efforts; 7:30 p.m. – films. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.prtl.org/events>. \$15 Adult; \$10 Student; \$5 Child under 12; \$0 Community (free). Sponsored by Evergreen Credit Union, Flaherty's Financial Services, GoGo Refill, Maine Beer Company, and Maine Trail Builders. Brought to you by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Falmouth Land Trust, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, Scarborough Land Trust, South Portland Land Trust, Freeport Conservation Trust, Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, Royal River Conservation Trust, Portland Trails, and Maine Land Trust Network.

All are welcome to join Centerpoint Church at Narragansett Elementary School in Gorham on Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt with over 6,000 eggs, face painting, and donuts. This will be a fun day!

The Gorham/Westbrook/Windham TRIAD meeting will be Wednesday, April 8 at the Gorham Police Department from 11 a.m. to noon. The speaker will be Joyce Doyle from OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Southern Maine.

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of winter clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or contact the director at [director@gorhamfoodpantry.org](mailto:director@gorhamfoodpantry.org).

The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. The closet is only open Monday through Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Carol Robinson at (207) 400-7171, or Anne Murphy at (207) 671-5971 for more information.

### SENIOR NEWS

Gorham Seniors Co-op meets weekly at 34 School Street in Gorham, Mondays at 10 a.m. for Games and Puzzles, and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for Coffee and Conversation. Seniors from Gorham and neighboring communities are welcome. For more information visit: <https://www.gorhamarts.org/seniorscoop>.

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, March 28 at 5 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Takeout containers are an option.

White Rock Community Clubhouse will hold a Public Bean Supper at 34 Wilson Road in Gorham on Saturday, April 4 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Eat in or take out, the meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$12 adults, \$6 under 12. Follow us on Facebook for updates: [facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub](https://facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub)

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The North Gorham Public Library is a small, non-profit community library, looking for a dedicated volunteer with experience in fundraising and grant writing. Supporting North Gorham and Standish, the library is open Monday 3 – 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 – 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday closed. FMI: email [libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us](mailto:libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us). Sign up for the library's email weekly newsletter.

Baxter Memorial Library offers many reading events each week. Check the calendar in this issue for what's coming up soon at the library. Children under the age of 8 require adult supervision. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays. FMI: (207) 222-1190.

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# Narragansett Fifth Graders Perform at the School Committee Meeting

Erin Eppler, Narragansett School Principal



Photo Caption: Erin Eppler

The Narragansett Fifth Grade band performed at the March School Committee meeting led by band director and music teacher Lila Weiser. This was their first performance of the year. Fifth graders now have the opportunity to participate in band during the school day as part of the Creative Arts Rotation.

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 26

Baxter Memorial Library,  
Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
Book Group: "Water Moon" by Samantha Soto

### Saturday, March 28

Baxter Memorial Library, RPG Club, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Living Waters Church, Haddock Supper Buffet, 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 31

Baxter Memorial Library,  
Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.  
Dungeons & Dragons, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 1

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

### Thursday, April 2

Baxter Memorial Library,  
Toddler Storytime, 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
Library Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, April 4

White Rock Community Clubhouse, Public Bean Supper, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 7

Baxter Memorial Library,  
Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Storytime, 10 - 11 a.m.  
Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.  
Dungeons & Dragons, 4 - 5 p.m.  
French Language Discussion Group, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 8

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 - 10 a.m.  
Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Police Department, 11 a.m. - noon

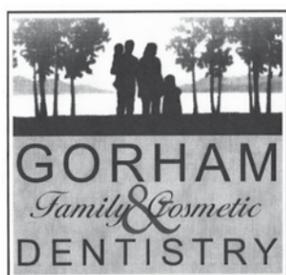
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An Officer observed a vehicle at Fort Hill Park, parked with its lights on. The officer made contact with the occupants. There was a male in the driver's seat, and a female in the passenger seat. The officer notified them that they could not be there after dark. They were cooperative.

Dispatch was advised of a vehicle that was in violation of the parking ban due to snow removal. They reported the vehicle was parked on Mallison St. Once officers arrived there was only one vehicle parked on the side of the road. The officer looked up and contacted the owner via phone, left a voice mail and then wrote a parking ticket for the vehicle.

Officers responded to New Portland Road and Elkins Road for a report of a female walking in the snow, who according to the complainant was "not dressed appropriately to be outside," and was attempting to hitch hike. Two officers made contact with her on New Portland Rd, near Tink Drive. They asked her where she was going and she said she was heading to Baldwin because she lost power at her house. Officers offered to give her a ride, which she initially said yes to. One of the officers recognized her as from past calls for service, she changed her mind shortly afterward and didn't want a ride. She continued walking down New Portland Rd.

A citizen called to notify the Gorham Police Department that he would be shooting into a sandpit in his yard in approximately two hours. He has done this in the past, wanted GPD aware in case of phone calls.

A citizen called to report that their cat, described as a black and white, male cat, had gone missing from their

home. Dispatch added it to the log, and informed the animal control officer.

Dispatch received a call regarding a vehicle doing "donuts" and "burnouts" in the parking lot in Gorham. The caller described the vehicle as a "crappy car." Then advised the vehicle started to drive away and believe they stopped at the on the corner of Dingley Springs Rd. When the officer checked, no vehicle matching the description was present at that location. The officer then checked and verified that there was no damage, missing property, or suspicious items at the surrounding location, but did observe multiple circles of tire marks in the snow of the parking lot. Officer then searched the area a bit more but did not find anything of note.

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**Special Thanks to Our 2025 Performers**

Thank you to the talented performers, artists, musicians, entertainers, and activity leaders who helped make New Year Gorham such a memorable celebration for our community.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Virginia Wilder Cross, founding member of New Year Gorham, whose vision brought this community celebration to life 18 years ago. Her dedication, leadership, and belief in bringing people together through the arts helped shape New Year Gorham into the cherished tradition it is today. As 2025 marked her final year serving on the event planning committee, we honor her for her many years of service and thank her for the lasting legacy she leaves behind.

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